

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A system for selectively delivering information to a
2 subscriber, said system comprising:

3 a database for storing a dynamic profile including the
4 subscriber's information preferences and last-known location, and
5 for storing a list of communication devices available to the
6 subscriber for receiving information, the list of communication
7 devices including access information related to each device;

8 a locator system in communication with the database for
determining the location of the subscriber;

9 a collector for receiving information from a plurality of
10 information sources, the collector comprising a processor in
11 communication with the database for selecting which information to
12 prepare for delivery to the subscriber according to the
13 subscriber's information preferences and last-known location;

14 an information packager in communication with the
15 database and with the collector, for packaging the information
16 selected for delivery; and

17 a delivery system in communication with the database and
18 with the information packager for formatting the packaged
19 information and transmitting it to the subscriber through at least
20 one of the listed communications devices corresponding to the
21 subscriber's location.

1 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the information is
2 transmitted to the subscriber in substantially the same format as
3 the format in which it was received.

1 3. The system of claim 2, wherein the information is
2 transmitted to the subscriber at substantially the same time as the
3 time at which it is received.

1 4. The system of claim 2, wherein the information is stored
2 in a storage device until it can be transmitted to the subscriber.

5. The system of claim 1, further comprising a control
program for directing operation of the system.

6. The system of claim 1, further comprising a format
conversion program for directing format conversion by the delivery
system.

1 7. The system of claim 1, wherein the delivery system is
2 capable of converting an audio signal into at least one text
3 message for delivery to the subscriber.

1 8. The system of claim 1, wherein the delivery system is
2 capable of converting text information into an audio format for
3 delivery to the subscriber.

1 9. The system of claim 1, wherein the packaged information
2 comprises a notation indicating at least one communication device
3 to which the information should be transmitted.

1 10. The system of claim 1, wherein the system is capable of
2 determining whether transmitted information is received by the at
3 least one communication device.

1 11. The system of claim 1, wherein the packaged information
2 is stored until it can be transmitted to the subscriber.

1 12. The system of claim 1, wherein the collector actively
2 searches to locate information available through an information
3 network.

1 13. The system of claim 12, wherein the information network
2 is the Internet.

1 14. The system of claim 12, wherein the collector requests
2 content from a located Web site.

1 15. The system of claim 1, wherein the packager prioritizes
2 information packages when more than one information package is
3 available for transmitting to the subscriber.

1 16. The system of claim 1, wherein the collector, in
2 determining which information to feed to the packager, analyzes the
3 content of the received information according to a predetermined
algorithm.

1 17. The system of claim 1, wherein the information packager
packages information from a variety of sources to prepare augmented
information content for delivery to the subscriber.

1 18. The system of claim 17, wherein the system automatically
2 searches for information to use in preparing the augmented
3 information content.

1 19. The system of claim 1, wherein the locator system
2 includes at least one camera for locating the subscriber using an
3 acquired visual image.

1 20. The system of claim 1, wherein the locator system
2 includes at least one uses a global positioning system (GPS) device
3 for locating the subscriber using a GPS signal.

1 21. The system of claim 1, wherein the locator system
2 provides an alert that the subscriber is moving from one location
3 to another.

1 22. The system of claim 21, wherein the delivery system
2 transmits the packaged information to at least a second
3 communication device after receiving the alert.

1 23. A method for selectively delivering information to a
2 subscriber, said method comprising the steps of:

3 maintaining a database containing at least one subscriber
4 dynamic profile and a list of communication devices through which
5 information may be delivered to the subscriber;

6 receiving information from a plurality of sources;

7 determining the last-known location of the subscriber;

8 comparing the received information to the dynamic profile
9 to determine which portions of the received information should be
10 delivered to the subscriber;

11 preparing an information package containing information
12 determined to be appropriate for delivery; and

13 transmitting the information package to the subscriber
14 through one or more of the listed communications devices
15 corresponding to the subscriber's last-known location.

1 24. The method of claim 23, wherein the information package
2 comprises a notation indicating at least one communication device
3 to which the information should be transmitted.

1 25. The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of
2 confirming receipt of the transmitted information by at least one
3 communication device.

1 26. The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of
2 storing the information until it can be transmitting to the
3 subscriber.

1 27. The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of
2 prioritizing multiple information packages for transmission.

1 28. The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of
2 augmenting an information package from a first source with
3 additional content obtained from a second source.

1 29. The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of
2 searching for additional content prior to augmenting the
3 information package from the first source.

1 30. The method of claim 29, wherein the search for additional
2 content is initiated automatically.

1 31. The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of
2 translating the information from the format in which it was
3 received into a different format before transmitting it to the
4 subscriber.

1 32. The method of claim 31, wherein the step of translating
2 the information includes translating information received as an
3 audio transmission into a text format.

1 33. The method of claim 31, wherein the step of translating
2 the information includes translating information received in text
3 format into audio-signal format.

1 34. The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of
2 searching for information through an information network.

1 35. The method of claim 34, wherein the step of searching
2 includes requesting content from a Web site.

1 36. A signal comprising an information package suitable for
2 transmission to a subscriber, said signal generated by the steps
3 of:

4 receiving information from a plurality of sources;
5 determining the last-known location of the subscriber;
6 comparing the received information to a subscriber
7 dynamic profile stored in a database to determine which portions of
8 the received information should be delivered to the subscriber;

9 determining from the subscriber dynamic profile a list of
10 communication devices through which information may be delivered to
11 the subscriber;

12 preparing the information package containing information
13 determined to be appropriate for delivery; and

14 transmitting the information package to the subscriber
15 through one or more of the listed communications devices
16 corresponding to the subscriber's last-known location.

1 37. The signal of claim 36, wherein the information package
2 comprises a notation indicating at least one communication device
3 to which the information should be transmitted.

1 38. The signal of claim 36, further comprising the step of
2 storing the information until it can be transmitting to the
3 subscriber.

1 39. The signal of claim 36, further comprising the step of
2 prioritizing multiple information packages for transmission.

1 40. The signal of claim 36, further comprising the step of
2 augmenting an information package from a first source with
3 additional content obtained from a second source.

1 41. The signal of claim 40, further comprising the step of
5 searching for additional content prior to augmenting the
information package from the first source.